

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Jos Bastiaens, et al. )  
Serial No.: 10/815,267 ) Group Art Unit: 1711  
Filed: March 31, 2004 ) Examiner: Zemel  
For: FLAME RETARDANT EXPANDABLE )  
POLY(ARYLENE ETHER)/POLYSTYRENE )  
COMPOSITIONS AND PREPARATION )  
THEREOF )

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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated October 12, 2006. Please reconsider the Application in light of the following remarks.